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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YOSHIMURA, Kohshi, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1794

Serial No.: 10/541,454

Examiner: **HARRIS, Gary D.**

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**FOR: OXIDATION-RESISTANT RARE EARTH METAL-BASED MAGNET POWDER
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, COMPOUND FOR RARE EARTH
METAL-BASED BONDED MAGNET, RARE EARTH METAL-BASED BONDED
MAGNET AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE S**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED July 29, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 29, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **July 29, 2008**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-11 & 17-20; and Group (II), Claims 12-16.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (II), Claims 12-16 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please
charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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